

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the Brown County Planning, Development & Transportation Committee was held on Monday, January 28, 2019 in Room 200, 305 E. Walnut St., Green Bay, WI

Present: Chair Erickson, Supervisor Kaster, Supervisor Dantine, Supervisor Deslauriers, Supervisor Tran
Also Present: Corporation Counsel David Hemery, Public Works Director Paul Fontecchio, Airport Director Marty Piette, Assistant Airport Director Rachel Engeler, UW-Extension Director Judy Knudsen, Director of Port and Resource Recovery Dean Haen, Planning Director Chuck Lamine, GIS Coordinator Jeff DuMez, County Executive Streckenbach, Director of Administration Chad Weininger and other interested parties.

I. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bernie Erickson at 6:26 pm.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Delauriers to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of November 26, 2018.

Motion made by Supervisor Deslauriers, seconded by Supervisor Tran to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Comments from the Public.

Dwayne Aldeman (Address Inaudible)— Just wanted to ask that the meeting be opened up to the public following Public Works Director Fontecchio's report as there was a great number of individuals at the meeting concerned with a specific intersection and the plan for it.

Chair Ericksen ensured him that it would be opened up.

Consent Agenda

1. Harbor Commission Minutes of November 12, 2018.
2. Planning Commission Board of Directors Minutes of November 7, 2018.
3. Solid Waste Board Minutes of September 17 & November 26, 2018.
4. Airport Budget Status Financial report for November 2018 – Unaudited.
5. Planning Commission Budget Status Financial Report for November 2018 – Unaudited.
6. Property Listing - Budget Status Financial Report for November 2018 – Unaudited.
7. Zoning - Budget Status Financial Report for November 2018 – Unaudited.
8. Register of Deeds Budget Status Financial Report for November 2018 - Unaudited.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Tran to suspend the rules and take items 1-8 together. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion made by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Supervisor Tran to receive and place on file items 1-8. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Communications

9. **Communication from Supervisor Schadewald re: This is my request for the Facilities Director to attend February Public Safety Committee meeting to report on the following: Courthouse Security update, copper roof update and maintenance at Courthouse. Referred from December, 2018 County Board.**

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Delauriers to receive and place on file. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. **Communication from Supervisor Deslauriers re: In order to prevent future Landfill Siting Agreement violations by Brown County, that Port and Resource Recovery Director Dean Haen work with Corporation Counsel to review past violations and create a written policy governing any "correspondence, reports and data relating to the Landfill filed with [or received from] the Wisconsin DNR and other governmental agencies by the County and its retained environmental consultants". This policy will insure all of these communications are shared with the Town of Holland Local Monitoring Committee "at the same time such documents are filed" or "within 10 days of receipt" in accordance with the contract between Brown County and the Town of Holland (quoted text taken directly from the Landfill Siting Agreement of 1998). Motion at January Executive Committee: To refer to Planning Development & Transportation Committee and Resource Recovery Director Dean Haen.**

Supervisor Delauriers asked Chair Ericksen if he could preface this as the discussion could be relatively quick. Deslauriers noted that he thought they are on the right track in terms of eliminating these communication problems in the future as Brown County came to the Town of Holland and had what he considers being a good meeting between the two parties. Deslauriers ultimately wanted an explanation from Director of Port and Resource Recovery Dean Haen as to what is the distinction between the acknowledged violation of the wetland exemptions and the other ones on the form, since he acknowledged the untimely communication previously and submitted along with the communication what he considers to be clear violations of the contract already.

Director Haen came up to speak along with Corp. Counsel Dave Hemery.

Corp. Counsel Hemery wished to know what they were being asked to be sure it wasn't regarding alleged violations by the County in regards to an agreement between the Town of Holland and Brown County. Hemery stated as the County attorney would not want Director Haen speaking of anything that may relate to a possible violation.

Deslauriers said that he could ask it in a more general fashion. He said the list that he compiled and included got rid of most of the ones that the lawyers argue over, he simply spoke of timing violations. It is the Holland LMC's opinion that when anything gets filed to the DNR that they be immediately or as immediate as practically possible notified of those communications and when things are coming in that it is not obvious that the Town of Holland is a direct recipient that they get notified within 10 days. He wanted to make sure they were on the same page in terms of what is and what isn't a violation.

Director Haen stated the intent is to comply with the Landfill Monitoring agreement in its integrity. He noted times have changed so when it is said "at such time" it used to be easy, made a copy, stuck it in the mail and it would be received in 3 days. Now with computer submissions it gets complicated, such as if something gets sent and the person isn't at their desk for the rest of the day, then what happens the next day? It can get even more complicated with DNR electronic submittals, it may get posted, then it needs to be sifted through and received by him and so forth. They do have a policy in place, but it still may not be bulletproof he stated, they're trying to use the County box system. He stated they're definitely trying to comply but there are certain nuances that they have to get through to make sure they stay compliant. He noted that they are going to have a policy, once they get the bugs worked out, in place where he is going to be the central person with the exception of when there are online submittals as they still have to figure out what that means. When you have something like Environmental Monitoring Record there's no record when you plug and play and hit send there's no record. What they may do is tell the town is that it's in the system and when it's posted there it is as they won't even have a copy. There are multiple little nuances that must be considered with this that have to be worked through with the town, the words become increasingly complicated with those such as "at such time."

Deslauriers said that he is on board with this but the violations of the past have been very simple timing delays and they didn't center around electronic filings and things of that nature. He wanted to add that as a County, the contractors are under contract with the county and he would ask that the policy be bulletproof as possible and that could be accomplished by controlling the communications that the contractors are making to the DNR so that they don't make

them until the County is apprised of it so there is no accidental delay. He noted that the policy should be robust enough that it won't matter who the central person is and he asked that the policy be made as bulletproof as possible one more time. He spoke of filings he's done with the state in the past and at the end of those filings he got a type of receipt or a summary of the electronic filing printed out. In light of this policy close to being done, he asked if it was acceptable to table this for a month because the Solid Waste Board will meet before this committee meets again so the policy will be presented to them at that point. Haen responded that the next communication with the Town will be the plan of operation and they must get it in place in advance of this being done and they need to have some trials to work through the different types of bugs he had presented earlier.

Supervisor Deslauriers wished to table this communication for a month until the next PD&T so that the committee can see the policy that is brought forth, see what it is, and move on from there. He believed they were going in the right direction and hopefully it's the last time this communication is brought up.

Chair Ericksen clarified further, this communication would be held until Director Haen has it in hand.

Motion by Supervisor Deslauriers, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to have Director Haen report back to PD&T after a policy regarding this item is drafted for review of said policy. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. **Communication from Supervisor Deslauriers re: That the Brown County Board request that Port and Resource Recovery Director Dean Haen follow the recommended communication guidelines specified by Brown County Corporation Counsel (in his November 27, 2018 email to Supervisors Schadewald and Deslauriers) "to notify the WI DNR within 60 days whenever we have a sample that attains or exceeds a groundwater standard, and especially to follow any and all WI DNR recommendation re this issue". This to best protect the health of Brown County families. Director Haen's stated communication plan for future well contamination events (at 3 separate PD&T meetings) will not follow this Corporation Counsel guidance. *Motion at January Executive Committee: To refer to Planning, Development and Transportation Committee.***

Supervisor Deslauriers wished to clarify this as he thought this communication could go rather fast as well as this, in his opinion, was also on the right track too. Deslauriers noted that at the Board of Health there is a concurrence that this could have been done better but, he highlighted, that this is not what that is in regards to, but rather this is simply relate to compliance. He iterated that he didn't wish for interpretation of the guidance as that is a career decision and is between Director Haen and Corp Counsel, all he wished to know is whether Director Haen would follow Corp Counsel as summarized in a specific November 27th, 2018 email to Supervisor Schadewald and himself and if the answer is "yes" he will make a motion to receive and place on file.

Haen replied initially with a "no" as this too broad of an assertion as they have multiple facilities and multiple regulations to follow to just abide by a certain, specific "60 day" rule. Corp Counsel Hemery asked if this just regarded the landfill specifically. Deslauriers replied putting a broad spin on this isn't what he is asking, it was will he abide by the guidance in the communication he sent to Supervisor Schadewald and Supervisor Deslauriers (a copy of which is included in the agenda). Haen informed him that the only thing that isn't under regulation is the farm field towards the landfill so if his interest is simply reporting within 60 days regarding that site then the answer is "yes." Deslauriers replied that this isn't what he is asking but he wished to clarify that he is only asking to abide by the guidance as put forth by Corp Counsel, not by anyone else.

Corp Counsel Hemery clarified the question and asked Director Haen if he would comply regarding the southern landfill site if he has levels that exceed the allowances regarding that site, would it get reported to the DNR within 60 days? Haen replied that it would, indeed, and that he has affirmed this to Deslauriers multiple times.

Deslauriers said if the answer is "yes" to following Corp Counsel guidelines then file it and be done, but whenever he asks the question it got into a narrative trying to restrict the guidance down.

Motion by Supervisor Deslauriers, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Ericksen wanted to add for the record a detailed conversation he had with Anna Destree from the Health Department and she wants reports directly from the DNR because they can analyze things and if there's something that

necessarily has to be announced, such as a health risk, then it will come to her.

Extension Brown County

12. Resolution re: Table of Organization Change UW Extension LTE Life Skills Educator.

UW-Extension Director Judy Knudsen summarized this and spoke of a \$10,000 grant thru Greater Green Bay Community Foundation to educate lower income populations and they need to hire somebody for the position around \$4,000 will go for salary towards this position. After 2019 the position will conclude. A copy of this item is included along with the agenda.

Motion by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Tran to approve. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Directors Report

Knudsen passed out 2 handouts and spoke to those handouts which are attached to these minutes. She noted that they are in the process to transferring to UW-Madison which will transform their new official name to UW-Madison Division of Extension Brown County, making their short name Extension Brown County. They've already changed their logos and have billboards scattered across the state. It's been a slow process as none of their systems match and everything's new so it's taking longer than they anticipated. The issue is their standards are different than the extensions' so that is a big issue moving forward in terms of designations, job titles, obtaining tenure and so forth. The first handout she talked about spoke about happenings such as the program they're doing with the City of DePere Planning Department, they did a Greenhouse Grower's seminar a couple weeks ago in which 79 people participated, she noted they were doing K-4 training on the Monday following this meeting and they were expecting to have about 120 people and they had a Saturday Series starting that Saturday as well where they bring in speakers from all over the Midwest to talk about gardening. The second handout was a copy of the annual report for 2018 which consists of a sampling of programs that staff has done through the year. She said it was a simple handout that can be peaked at really quickly to get a taste of what their staff has been working on. She also emphasized that there is an upcoming program, limited to 130 people at the public museum, on hemp as there is a lot of interest in that topic in the State.

Supervisor Dantine questioned if there was anyone educating the public regarding how to prepare sorts of exotic foods that are on the shelves of the grocery stores right now.

Knudsen informed him that this is done through the Foodwise Staff which is funded through the USDA and they do a lot of work through low income families and anything pertaining to unique foods and things of that nature.

Chair Ericksen asked if these individuals from low income families participate in Foodshare. He asked if there was any way to enforce or at least try to get people utilizing Foodshare to use it in a practical manner, meaning not going to a convenience store and purchasing family size bags of potato chips and soda and so on when there is a grocery store within a more than reasonable distance. Even if they wanted to buy the same thing it would have been for considerably cheaper.

Knudsen noted that they are working hand in hand with grocery stores and convenience stores to make produce displays much more visible or if they don't have produce to get it. Also they do classes in these stores where they take low income families around and talk about what types of meals they can put together and they do a lot of hands on food prep education so families are knowledgeable about what they can prepare nutritiously. They are also working with food pantries in terms of making them aware of what food they have and making them aware of what they are allowing families to take home in terms of nutritional value and also having staff there to educate the pantry users further in terms of food prep. She also spoke to the fact that there has been a lot of conversation with the USDA and there is a continuing conversation at the federal level with respect to what people are allowed and what they should be allowed to purchase. What people are taught and what they choose to do are 2 completely separate things.

Motion by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Port & Resource Recovery

14. Budget Adjustment Request (18-134): Any increase in expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.

Director Haen said the way that it's set up moves the budget and carries it forward as well. What this is doing is taking the money from a grant and sponsorship money and the project is continuing and sometime this spring they are hoping that in March or April they will have an in use plan for the budget adjustment brought before the County Board.

Motion by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Supervisor Dantine to approve. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. South Landfill Timeline and BOW Landfill Capacity Survey – Update.

Every 6 months they look at landfill and see where they're at in terms of its longevity and capacity that is remaining. It was projected that the landfill would be needed sometime in 2024. This has changed dramatically recently and that's why it was brought before this committee as the need for the landfill has been moved up to around January 2022. The causes of this change have been due to the economy so everyone is consuming and therefore producing garbage, manufacturing, construction and things of the like all being the causes. Additionally they opened up the new sequence where they have to put a fluff layer and cannot compact the garbage like you would normally. Although the calendar may be moved again a new landfill will definitely be needed before 2024 and they are prepared to open it in January 2022. He also stated that we are on track to meet the disposal needs of our region. At budget this coming year they will be looking at whether they will construct the landfill themselves or contract it out, whether they are going to operate the landfill themselves or contract it out. No matter what happens they will have orientation changes in their department and they will need to be budgeting in 2020 for the construction of the first phase.

Dantine asks how long there will be 2 landfills open simultaneously.

Haen responded that there will be 2 open for close to 6 months. He said that the fluff layer will have to be transferred and the municipal waste will have to be taken in addition to the industrial waste and that needs to be timed right but he envisions 2 landfills to be open for around 6 months.

Supervisor Kaster wondered how long the expected life of a landfill actually is.

Haen responded that a landfill should last for around 13 years at current generation rates. Things such as the economy and natural disasters and such all factor into the life of the landfill. He also noted that they are making plans all the way in the future to 2050 as those 13 years go by rather quickly, so to speak.

Motion by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Delauriers to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. Director's Report-Update

Haen begun by stating that it says in their current agreement that they at the moment they need to be looking at continuing to work together with the 3 other counties involved. So, they spent all of 2018 doing exactly that and they have been able to charge lower tipping fees by maintaining a regional landfill for all 3 counties, which is driving them to continue to work together. If they choose to continue to work together does this mean additional landfills? Or should they stick to the current agreement or sign a new one? These are the types of things that they are working on. The plan to continue working together is going to take 3 solid waste board approvals, 3 county executives support, and 3 county boards support so it is significant and he reiterated that they need to be delicate in how they do it in terms of collectivity.

Kaster noted that it would be beneficial for Brown County to keep working this way as if they decide not to they would have to site another landfill almost immediately.

Haen replied that no matter what the landfill planning needs to start happening now.

Supervisor Tran asked if there were any future plans regarding waste energy plants.

Haen responded that it's not a cost effective management option at the moment and they're trying to do everything they can resource recovery wise and recycling wise but landfilling is still a crucial part of solid waste management systems. Waste energy facilities are costly. The places they run more successfully, where there is higher population, the cost of land is higher but they also have concerns over air emissions environmentally speaking as well.

Tran referenced countries such as Sweden, Germany and Denmark they have almost perfected the emission problem and there are almost no emissions into the environment.

Haen informed her that if you have a smokestack you have emissions and if you filter them you still have the solid waste that needs to be managed.

Ericksen noted that no matter what you call it you're still burning the waste. It's a little premature to speak of this right now if it's not the most economical option and as room starts running out for landfill options then something like this will start to be discussed. He spoke of a time when Oneida Nation Enterprises gave off emissions and there was a whole situation because of that happening involving surrounding communities and so forth.

Haen said that they have a collective plan where they look at emerging technologies and they are not set on one waste management system, they are more than willing to modify that once it makes environmental and economic sense.

Haen continued with his report noting that solid waste board recently passed public communication plans and they ended up doing an RFP to retain an agency and the same one was retained again. On the resource recovery side the focus is a little more on HMR and spring cleaning and things of the like. The Ports Symposium date for this year is March 19th where Congressman Gallagher and Governor Evers will most likely be in attendance. He stated that the operation of the bridges is going to be changed to remote operations as the Coast Guard has authorized the DOT to enable the Walnut St. Bridge to run the Mason and Main St. Bridges respectively. There have been precautions, financially speaking, taken just in case the system doesn't work. Intention is that in 2020 there will be one operator in the Walnut St. Bridge with enough camera angles to be able to see everything in terms of pedestrian locations, vehicle locations and things of the like. He stated it takes about a mile to stop so all the bugs must be worked out until this is put into place. Ericksen asked if the Coast Guard had the final say on this and was informed that they do. He noted that planning is looking at an opportunity study in term of the best way to utilize the property of the Pulliam Plant by engaging WE energies, the City, and other stakeholders as well. He also stated that they are going to have a budget adjustment coming and they are looking to have Harbor Commission PDT right before County Board to adopt this in use plan and his hope is that County Board invests in this plan. Lastly, the day of this meeting, January 28, 2019, was the last day the port was open. This is the latest the port has been open in upwards of 30 years. On January 25, 3 vessels came in that day, which is a good sign for the economy.

Motion by Supervisor Delauriers, seconded by Supervisor Tran to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Airport

17. 12-Hour Shift Report.

Airport Director Marty Piette noted a couple minor events where they had a few employees work a bit of overtime. One of those was on New Year's Eve and then another event on January 7th that resulted in 2 individuals working over 12 hours. This did not include the snow events in the week leading up to this meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. Departmental Openings Summary.

Piette informed the board that at the moment every position is currently filled. He noted it was the first time in a little over 3 years that every position is occupied.

19. Director's Report.

a. 2018 Passenger Traffic Summary.

Piette noted that they had put out a press release a couple weeks back regarding their 2018 traffic. He highlighted that 2018 was a good year as they saw a 12.2% increase throughout the year over the 2017 traffic and the nice thing about it was that it was consistent month to month. This 12.2% increase was the highest increase they've seen month to month in over 30 years. They had 652,357 passengers in 2018 which is around 50,000 more than 2017. More specifically speaking, each airline saw a growth, Delta had a 7.4% growth, American Airlines had a 20.9% increase in passengers, and United had a 19.1% increase in passengers. There are a couple different reasons and factors for the increase, which include but aren't limited to the following, each airline increased capacity giving them more available seats and some airlines increased their frequencies to certain destinations and things of that nature. Also, the economy was doing well so people were traveling a bit more. He also talked about making sure their fares were competitive with the likes of Milwaukee and Chicago so they've worked with airlines in that regard as well.

b. New Air Service Announcement.

Piette informed the board that about 2 weeks ago he received a call on January 16 from an airline known as Frontier Airlines saying they needed to speak to him right away. They let him know they were interested in serving Green Bay with their service to Denver. Frontier has contacted a few airports across the Midwest. Frontier Airlines is now a low cost carrier and they are competing against airlines such as Allegiant and they are expanding and quickly. They are a different airline than the ones that are currently at our airport as they wish to serve the leader market whereas the primary market that the airport serves now is the business market. They fly out "less than daily" meaning they will fly out 3 days a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays to Denver. The aircraft will have 180 seats and he reiterated that it will serve a different market that expands out a little more to Northeast Wisconsin respectively. He envisions this will do well and this could lead to additional cities and so forth.

Dantinne questioned if it will be flown back the same day it departs.

Piette clarified that on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays it departs Denver at 2:11pm arrive in Green Bay at 5:29pm and turns around and leaves at 6:19pm and arrives in Denver at 7:52pm.

Tran asked if Outagamie County has flights out to Denver at the moment, if the costs are similar, and what the budgeting costs for the year are.

He replied that they do but it's through United and therefore the costs through Frontier will be considerably less, it's a system where you get a very cheap ticket and if you want to check a bag it's a bit more, if you want to pick your seat a little more and so forth. He stated that the budget was about \$300,000 for the entirety of 2018 and the budget for 2019 is about \$500,000. He listed the difference in the budgeting was due to the creating of the Marketing Communications Position he said they will use the extra budgeting for other things as well such as social media, website design, among other things.

c. Introduce Rachel Engeler, Assistant Airport Director.

Piette wanted to start off by introducing Rachel. He noted that she had been working there for pretty close to 3 months. He allowed her to speak a little bit about her work background, educational background and how things have been going for the past 3 months.

Motion by Supervisor Dantinne, seconded by Supervisor Tran to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works

20. **Budget Adjustment Request (18-142): Reallocation of more than 10% of the funds originally appropriated between any of the levels of appropriation.**

Public Works Director Paul Fontecchio spoke of the fact that they are moving money around and that they had 2 ice machines that went out and they had to do an environmental assessment on the Associated Bank parking lot. So, this is funding something that is done already. But they are getting the money from professional services to move that over.

Director of Administration Chad Weininger noted that the County will be reimbursed from all of its expenses by Associated Bank.

Motion by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Supervisor Dantine to approve. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21. Intersection Reports – CTH U & CTH EE and CTH G & CTH Z.

Fontecchio started out by saying that this took some time as they did the reports in house so it took more time than he would have liked or anticipated to draft these reports. Intersections U & EE went first and they analyzed everything from the speed, the traffic volumes, to the all-way stop and basically the speed at the all-way stops don't warrant any kind of necessity to change the speed limits or the stop patrol at either intersection. He put them together because there are similarities and overlaps. He put a crash history in the agenda packet and it was sort of tricky because it's on the border of Outagamie County so they had to get their Sheriff's reports. There was a particular accident that was attached in the agenda and was redacted from that report from October 28th, 2018, where there was a witness at this incident that saw a person go through the stop sign, fail to stop, and while going southbound, hit an eastbound car and there were injuries in this incident. This incident in particular shows that there are ongoing incidents in which drivers are just failing to stop at the stop sign. On October 17th, 2018, he was out in the field, which he attached some pictures from, looking at other things and he noticed the stop sign was down and when you get closer to the intersection you see evidence suggesting somebody blew the intersection, slid across said intersection, and took out the opposite side stop sign. There are a lot more people failing to stop at this intersection than we know of, but simply not getting in an accident. Injuries and fatalities are a very serious problem at this intersection though as there has been multiple critical accidents here over the years. He noted some points from the county road safety plan recommendations; the Wisconsin DOT has a Traffic Engineering Operations Manual which states that there are an order of countermeasures for these types of intersections and he noted that they heard from a lot of people about the benefits of the LED lights, but the Wisconsin DOT doesn't use the LED blinker signs much and they have highways that act similar to County highways. He emphasized that he believes there is a place for them in the system and they work good in rural settings where there are lower speeds. He spoke to some of the safety measures they use including, that they place temporary flags on signs when a 2 way stop changes to a 4 way stop to signify that there is a new stop condition at an intersection, that they clear vegetation if that seems to be an issue blocking the signs, flashing beacons are also sometimes utilized, and they even at times increase sign sizes if that may be deemed problematic as well. Going down the list of countermeasures the next thing on the list of preventative measures are the rumble strips. He identified the specific problem at U & EE and the problem they've seen at G & Z is definitely failure to stop at the 2 way stop. He highlighted the fact that a lot of these failures to stop including the one that occurred on October 28th occurred in broad daylight on non-inclement weather days. He talked about, towards the end of the report, regarding the U & EE intersection he has spoken to Outagamie County, as it is a shared intersection, and they have said "...Outagamie County Highway Department concurs with the Brown County Public Works subject report and supports the installation of transverse rumble strips at this intersection." This is to indicate that Outagamie County is in full support of these as well and Fontecchio stated that they are going to be put in whenever the weather permits. He indicated that by shallowing up the rumble strips a little bit from the DOT specifications it will mitigate some of the noise that is the concern of many. Fontecchio also believed that an ancillary recommendation and something that can't hurt anything is putting some street lighting on the intersections but this is up to the municipalities themselves. At G & Z he pointed to a very notable gap in accident history when the rumble strips were in place there. Fontecchio also talked about some work done with WIS DOT Traffic Safety Engineer Scott Nelson and he pulled apart all the State highway and County highway intersections and in all way stop conditions he stated that if volume thresholds aren't met then all way stop conditions can't be considered. He talked about how Nelson stated that, "numerous opinions exist about what makes a highway safer but they need to make data driven decisions on the best way to handle traffic and simply cannot experiment with human lives to see if it works." Fontecchio added that there are a lot of engineering studies behind this and there is a reason they follow the manuals. Fontecchio ended his report by reiterating when weather permits they will be going ahead and installing these transverse rumble strips and if the Town of Morrison desires to put in a streetlight they would be happy to help them work that through with whomever is appropriate to do so.

Supervisor Deslauriers asked if the Roadway Safety Plan played into the decision to install the rumble strips.

Fontecchio replied that it definitely played a role in it but not the biggest role.

Deslauriers then asked if driver impairment entered into the decision at all.

Fontecchio stated it was considered and they know there were situations of driver impairment. Fontecchio responded that one of his constituents once told him that driver impairment “is like a canary in a mine” insofar as that they will find the problem areas faster than a sober person will in terms of curves that are failed to be negotiated and so forth. Where there are intersections with a history of impairment they will be looking at centerline and shoulder rumble strips as well at these places. Impairment is a marker or an indicator of where there are problems and what they are looking for are patterns in those problems.

Deslauriers questioned if there are any studies that show that transverse rumble strips reduce impaired driving injuries and fatalities.

Fontecchio said that he has not seen any.

Deslauriers referenced an accident that occurred on May 26th, 2018 at the G & Z intersection and asked if transverse rumble strips have done anything for that accident.

Fontecchio responded that he is not sure and that it would be hard to say. He said he cannot speak to whether rumble strips will be effective or not and he referred to the accident at EE & U where he attached the accident report to the agenda and said that he had no idea why the person did not see the stop sign and went right through the intersection. National studies say that rumble strips are 40%-100% successful he indicated.

Deslauriers informed Fontecchio that he brought the particular accident he did because he is very familiar with that accident and that individual did, indeed, stop and what he is seeing in the report is an injury that supports the decision to put in rumble strips; but because he stopped rumble strips would not have made an impact on that accident. Moving forward to the double fatality, that individual was almost 3 times the legal limit, you’re not going to stop an impaired individual from getting in an accident, you may possibly delay it for an intersection but that’s it. His problem with the reports is that holding up impaired driving as reasons for doing something, there has to be some data that supports that decision making. He had asked for impaired driving statistics at the last meeting but was informed that it wasn’t part of the roadway safety plan, which he didn’t understand why it wasn’t included. He asked Chair Ericksen to put data regarding impaired driving and accidents and the total crash fatalities in the meeting as it is, year after year, a significant factor in accidents. Deslauriers noted he didn’t understand why when looking at installing something as impactful as transverse rumble strips why the most significant factor to fatalities was not even considered.

Fontecchio believed that the data is inclusive of all the incidences that are out there including the impaired driving as this is how the studies are done. Would a transverse rumble strip help as much as it would with a sober person? Probably not but it couldn’t hurt. What he knows about safety at an intersection would point to rumble strips being the best way to help an impaired drive because there is an audible and physical stimulus rather than something visual and should help them more.

Deslauriers said if you don’t have any studies that prove that rumble strips help impaired drivers then it’s just anecdotal and simply an opinion.

Fontecchio restated that after these rumble strips were installed in the mid 90’s and you look at a 20 year window after installation where there were barely any sorts of accidents and then when they are removed and there is an increase this whole window, so to speak, was inclusive of impaired drivers as well.

Deslauriers argued that the individual who stopped at the intersection shouldn’t be included in this list. When there is an accident and there is impairment to an extent it eliminates that person from an applicable data point. When someone is so wildly impaired they should not be a part of the data set to support anything unless you can prove that a transverse rumble strip does something for impaired drivers. He believes impairment should be considered and eliminated from the logical decision making that we make for countermeasures in roadways because when a driver is impaired there is little explanation for anything that occurs. He believed that if the data is including impairment then data is necessary to prove that rumble strips actually make a difference because they are being suggested at such impactful positions in the County that it demands more attention. Deslauriers spoke of a reference to a Minnesota safety plan and he thought it was important for the committee to understand the experience of rumble strips in Minnesota and in that plan there was no inclusion of transverse rumble strips. The plan inside of that plan was much of the same, no transverse rumble strips. He appeared to read from a document, “according to the Federal Highway Administration Minnesota DOT conducted a rumble strip noise study in May 2014 after they received complaints from residents expressing their concern regarding

rumble strip noise after concluding this research a moratorium was placed on rumble strips as [they] tried to research quieter options... in the past they have had to remove centerline rumble strips" if they're even pulling out centerline rumble strips transverse would be far worse.

Fontecchio answered with the fact that there are a lot of reports on rumble strips and you have to look at what types of rumble strips are being talked about and things of that nature. He stated that it may appear that transverse rumble strips are louder based on appearance and cut into the pavement but centerline and shoulder strips are much louder. He wanted to say that he was at the Town of Green Bay meeting recently and he actually had a person thank him for putting one set in. They can be shallowed up and it certainly makes them quieter Fontecchio ensured.

Deslauriers stated that his arguments are not necessarily for or against rumble strips but they are against the process by which Fontecchio came to his conclusions. He referenced the safety plan and it talks about the National Cooperative Highway Research Program talks about transverse rumble strips by saying "...this strategy should be used sparingly as the effectiveness of rumble strips is dependent on there being unusual, rumble strips are normally applied when other less intrusive measures such as single head signs or flashers have been tried and have failed to correct the crash pattern... car must be taken where the noise generated will be disturbing to adjacent properties...studies have also shown when rumble strips are terminated 656 ft. prior to residential, urban areas tolerable noise impacts are experienced... most highway agencies reported that they considered the noise problem to be serious enough that they have adopted policies against use of rumble strips in residential areas." His point was the agencies that are held out as the "gold standard" for recommendations for strategies are not saying this is acceptable, but rather, unacceptable. It has been talked about that if this goes forward there will be some legal action and the process by which drove the decision making to install these strips is so flawed that they may have a shot, Deslauriers believed. He asked that Fontecchio look back at the process that led to his decision making from an objective standpoint and including the 2 fatalities in the safety report and no other data is concerning to him.

Deslauriers wished for this to be an actionable, agenda item where they could make a motion.

Chair Ericksen recalled that this was an actionable item a couple months back. What they did at the time was there were around 11 intersections or so and they put alternative countermeasures up. The ones that were less intrusive they put the rumble strips in and he heard a lot of "thank yous" and he told everyone where they didn't put the strips that this was temporary and if it worked out when they put alternatives in that those alternatives could stay. It didn't work as there were more accidents. They've went through all of this and this was merely a report and no action can be taken on a report.

Deslauriers responded that with the report it shows what has been used in decision making and he would like to affect the decision making. The G & Z intersection has not had continued accidents after the additional signage was placed has reduced the instances of panic breaking at this particular intersection and they have not seen another accident since then. He spoke of an email that Fontecchio sent to him that talked about a "slow, measured approach" referring to intersection safety and after the double fatality at G & Z that measured approach went out the window and now we're going right to the most impactful approach for the people who live there when other countermeasures are equally effective without the impact. He's asking that the decision making gets looked back at and if there's even one accident that shouldn't be in this data there may be others. He would like this process slowed down and the rumble strips held off on until Fontecchio can look back at his decision making as they have to find a way to balance safety on the road with the rights of the residents who live there. He pointed to a different intersection where Fontecchio was willing to put in a 4 way stop when the accident data didn't support one, now where they want one at a very busy intersection where they have to have sheriff's come to direct traffic they can't get one. He also was frustrated by the lack of consistency in abiding by standards.

His overall ask is to the Highway Commissioner and make sure not making a knee jerk reaction that's going to have a massive effect on the people who live there.

Fontecchio said that he doesn't think this is a knee jerk reaction as they have been discussing it since July. Since then there have been further accidents with injuries. The whole safety plan was predicated on data that was put through different criteria and these are the areas that they have concerns as they leapt out from the data as the top 2 based on the data they put in. Fontecchio noted that some of the things Deslauriers said are very troubling to him, as he doesn't believe that very bizarre behavior selecting certain data and not others describes himself or his staff at all. He said he does what is in the best interest of Brown County as impartially and as fairly as possible. They are very difficult decisions they are always weighing public safety with property rights of the individuals who live at intersections every time they consider

an intersection. Similarly, when they consider stop condition rumble strips they have to weigh the people who live there against the people that go through there. They try to be uniform in their application to the best of their ability. The Highway Commissioner, he said, he believed is given that level of authority so that the internal politics of safety decisions on the roadway system can be avoided. He wanted to say that he has thought about this every single day since July and how it can best be navigated. In his professional opinion, installing rumble strips at these 2 intersections is an “absolute necessity” to prevent further catastrophe.

Supervisor Kaster spoke to an accident that he saw after it occurred at one of these intersections and ended up in the ditch and you could tell she slid through the intersection. He said he’s been through this intersection dozens of times and he doesn’t know what the deal is at it at all. He’s not quite sure what the answer is because the accidents he has seen there don’t really add up. He said he’s been to the park around one of these intersections multiple times and he doesn’t think rumble strips are the answer as there are so many cars there when there is a function going on and pedestrians walking around, so there are a lot of distractions to drivers.

Fontecchio brought up St. Pat’s Church Rd. and spoke to the fact that when you have large events they have to be treated differently than your normal traffic operations. Rumble strips are the next thing after stop signs in the incremental line. If you drive around Wisconsin, there are a lot of transverse rumble strips around the state in rural areas and they do help, he knows this. There weren’t these patterns of accidents at G & Z for almost 20 years when there were rumble strips installed there. There’s going to be more intersections brought forward in rural areas in the near future that are going to warrant stop condition rumble strips. He guaranteed they were going to follow the standards, they’re going to make educated, respectful decisions to the best of their ability and they are going to weigh these things. He continued by talking about a different intersection where he spoke to a couple of engineers and they discussed 4 different alternatives and it is an example where there’s more than 1 solution and he would be more than happy to present that to the committee due to the financial component of it as costs can range from \$3,000 to \$600,000. These types of financial components, he believed, were necessary to be brought before the committee but every simple safety strategy simply cannot.

Kaster reiterated he doesn’t understand the issue people have with U & EE but he is still not thrilled with the idea of rumble strips. He believed regardless of the rumble strips, someone is going to have to go out there and witness the traffic around there when something is going on at the park.

Fontecchio believed that at a certain point it crosses over from a safety issue into an enforcement issue and he doesn’t have control over those enforcement types of issues. Events may have to consider policing the intersection and there is a concern about crossing the street an adult may have to be stationed there. He didn’t believe it to be appropriate to take the other 99% of the time when an event is not occurring and do something dramatic to the roadway in terms of speed or functionality. He repeated the problem he is trying to address is fatal run-throughs and he’s talked to countless people, engineers, people in law enforcement, etcetera and there is a consensus that implementing these in rural areas is obvious to them.

Motion made by Supervisor Delauriers, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to open the floor to allow interested parties to speak. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

John Wagner 7139 Dickens Rd., Greenleaf

One of the two intersections being reported on here is right in front of his house. He referenced an email that his wife received from somebody at the Wisconsin DOT which said that transverse rumble strips are the very last thing they use around a residence because of the noise. He did not agree with Fontecchio’s statement that said that rumble strips could be 40%-100% effective because they are definitely not 100% effective. He said they may be in the high 30s or low 40s percentage wise but the flashing lights are almost just as good in the high 20s and low 30s respectively. He noted that they put them in on I-96 and W and you could see them from a considerable distance away. Wagner the fact that there is a streetlight by the park if it was argued that a stop sign with a light on it wasn’t installed because it wasn’t visible during the day as it is essentially the same. He spoke to the frequency of hearing the noise as there are many events in this area and you’re constantly going to be hearing these rumble strips.

Dwayne Aldeman 1360 County Line Rd., Depere

Aldeman stated that after listening to Director Fontecchio he isn’t sure what his agenda is as he is planning on installing transverse rumble strips which contradicts 6 criteria that he has in the report that was given to the PD&T committee on July 23rd. It says in there that “transverse rumble strips should be considered at intersections where there are

demonstrated safety problems, after adequate trial of other warning devices has failed to reduce crash frequency.” He noted that there have been stop ahead signs added at the intersection and some of the accidents had happened before the installation of those. He emphasized that LED embedded stop signs have not been tried yet and from all the studies I could gather, they do just as well of a job as transverse rumble strips and in some reports they are slightly better. He noted that these studies are from the University of Minnesota Duluth, the Virginia Transportation Research Council and the U.S. DOT also has one. If these transverse rumble strips are installed, they will end up 75 ft. from his neighbors’ house and he said commonsense should tell everyone that that is not right. A realtor said that there will be a 5-10% property devaluation if these are installed which equates to about a \$10,000-\$30,000 loss for these homeowners. He didn’t understand why they should lose this amount of money rather than a \$5,000 investment in LED stop signs. Alderman pointed out that Fontecchio was denied permission at some of the intersections that have joined the State highways by the Wisconsin DOT due to noise issues. He highlighted the fact that the State is very aware of the noise issues that surround rumble strips. He continued therefore that he felt as though the State of Wisconsin has more concern over the residents that live in these locations than Brown County and the Highway Department. He said that local government should follow the State’s guidelines regarding rumble strips and he spoke to the fact that right in the Wisconsin DOT’s Facilities Development Manual they have a whole section on transverse rumble strips and they note “there may be existing, isolated development community for single dwelling with high likelihoods for noise concerns, then consider providing a gap in these rumbles for approximately 500 ft. on each side of the potential problem site.” He didn’t understand why, he didn’t believe, Fontecchio followed DOT standards in some cases but not others and, similarly, follow certain guidelines but not others. He closed by saying if these are installed and DOT guidelines are not followed they will be filing a lawsuit against Brown County and the Highway Department.

Pat McGuire 3791 Mill Rd.

He started by saying he’s lived in this location for 22 years and he agrees with Supervisor Deslauriers on this issue. McGuire spoke to the fact he is the President of the Lions Club and that when they have events at the park they do have to hire an officer to patrol the intersection but it is still a dangerous intersection. He talked about the last Town of Morrison meeting they had, which had a significant crowd present, and his agenda item was to have the Town pay for flashing stop signs and additionally help pay for a 4 way stop and the Town is willing to pay for half the cost for it to happen at G & Z. He spoke to the accident by the guy on the motorcycle and noted that there were no accidents there 20 years prior to this one and it is noteworthy that he was intoxicated. McGuire underlined the fact that there are a lot of deer hits here but not a lot of car accidents here. He talked about the report from the State of Wisconsin and the Highway Commission regarding the rumble strip installation on I-96 and this was upsetting to him because Fontecchio spoke only to the Town of Glenmore about installing these on their side of the Highway on the other side of G but not the other side. He thought that this should be held onto and there should be more publicity around this situation so this issue can be straightened out. He said he is not against all rumble strips, just in certain areas. He questioned the fact that multiple countermeasures were tried in lieu of rumble strips as he only think of one, which were the additional signs near Rocky Top.

Jeff Ambrosius 151 Orlando Dr., DePere

Ambrosius lives on the corner of U & EE and he doesn’t believe there has been a whole lot done there. He talked about the last meeting and putting in an extra stop sign, he believes the signs are quite small but he was not sure if Outagamie County put them up or not. He noted that the rotating device on top of the signs do help when the wind is blowing. He believed that illuminated signs would be a starting point before an extreme like transverse rumble strips are tried. Any time that he encountered flashing lights they stuck out at him at night they probably stick out a mile away and during the day probably about ¼ mile away. He talked about a study Director Fontecchio did which concluded you hear the sound of the strips about 151 seconds a day, but when it’s at night he highlighted it’s definitely accentuated and it’s constant, night after night. He asked the Committee and Director Fontecchio how they would feel if it was in front of their homes as it’s tough to handle when it’s being discussed right in front of your house. The flashing stop sign could be at least tried and if it doesn’t work the sign is not just going to be discarded, it can be reused. He said he thought it would cost a total of \$5,000 but if it doesn’t work that money isn’t just wasted. Going right to an extreme measure like a rumble strip without trying multiple other measures first was puzzling to him.

Ericksen added, that is the cost to install them but there’s also a cost to operate them too and he also pointed out that a person that is texting while driving.

Ambrosius replied that we can’t consider people who are breaking laws when we are making laws for the ones who are. He didn’t believe someone can be taking away \$30,000 of house value from an individual who is paying his taxes, mowing the lawn, minding his own business because someone chooses to drive drunk or text and drive and break the law. It

doesn't make sense to protect the person who is breaking the law and take away from the guy that is abiding by it, in his opinion.

Motion by Supervisor Deslauriers, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to return to regular business. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Supervisor Tran wanted to point out that Director Fontecchio is simply trying to save lives, she wanted to make clear that there is no malicious intent behind this. She said they are frustrated because they are thinking about living with this day in and day out but she wanted to point out that rumble strips saved her life when she was driving home from work early in the morning and she was falling asleep at the wheel. She wanted to ask if rumble strips work when there is snow covering them.

Fontecchio replied in most storms they do work and are effective. He wanted to thank Tran for what she said. He reiterated his agenda is to save lives and reduce injuries at these intersections. He stated that some people may be under the influence or are distracted while driving but these lives matter too along with the innocent people that are hit at these intersections. Fontecchio wanted to add that this is a very difficult decision and he has thought about this every day since July and you do have to weigh potential safety risks at these intersections against the landowners and he noted that he is huge for landowner rights himself. He referenced the quote that he spoke of earlier regarding "... not being able to experiment with human lives to see if it works" and reiterated that this is not an option. He said, as an engineer, this is the best way and safest way forward to make these intersections safer and he didn't come to this decision lightly. He concluded he plans to move forward with the transverse rumble strips at these two intersections. He figured he was going to take heat at this meeting and possibly in the future regarding this but he is willing to take that hit because he doesn't want to receive a call from someone saying something needs to be done with this intersection because something happened to one of their loved ones at one of these intersections. There is a lot of misinformation out there that he is not going to speak to, he concluded.

Deslauriers said that people understand the safety concerns at these intersections but the struggle they're having is whether something like impairment is not considered in the plan for corrective action when it is responsible for at least half the accidents involving fatalities in Brown County. He wondered if the plan being taken is appropriate and what he keeps hearing over and over again is what measured approach is taken to get there. The signage improvements were appropriate and why don't we see what happens at these intersections now and there's no reason not to try other less invasive actions for these intersections. Deslauriers concluded by saying that he can't stop Fontecchio from doing this, he just asked that he take an objective look as to how he got to this point and look at the information that was omitted like impairment in this study in decision making and he asked that he not put these people through what they are going to be put through.

Kaster informed Fontecchio that he would not want these in front of his house; he would rather see something like flashing lights. He talked about the full cut rumble strips that were around a mile away from his house and he could still hear them by his house. He would hope that something else is explored.

Motion by Supervisor Deslauriers, seconded by Supervisor Dantinne to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22. 2018 Public Works Annual Report.

County Executive asked that he put one of these together and he thought it was a good idea too. Once you start to look at what happened in the past year you start to understand how much goes into a year. Fontecchio asked if there were any questions regarding the report as a copy of the report was included in the agenda packet.

Motion by Supervisor Dantinne, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23. Summary of Operations Report.

Fontecchio noted that they were tracking higher than anticipated with the county maintenance and he said he would handle more of the financials in the director's report. A copy of this is also included in the agenda packet.

Motion by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

24. Director's Report.

Fontecchio spoke to some of the specifics the handouts included in the agenda packet. Some of the highlights included Fox River Papermaking Project still being ongoing as the last couple of storms have slowed this way down due to the frozen ground from the last couple of storms slowing down the estimations from the Green Bay Packaging mill. The design work for the regional pond, however, is full throttle but it is extremely challenging. Things are progressing though and they are still on schedule. With respect to the health department move, March 4th is the big move date. There's been a lot of internal shuffling in the Sophie Beaumont Building which is constructed out and he noted that the Health Lab is getting close. In the Duck Creek Highway Shop construction of the HVAC is winding up and so is the elevator. In early March they are looking at tearing down the original Highway Shop and the new fuel system is going to go up front where most highway shops have it which allows for the old fuel system to stay operational while the new one is being constructed. During the week of this meeting the advertising for the cleaning of the courthouse dome began and on March 5th they will take bids and then the actual cleaning will take place in the summer. In terms of the 2019 project changes, the CTH ZZ project is a very expensive project they started to look at this in a 6 year plan to help keep things functioning right from a cash flow perspective and make sure they have enough work for crews in the summer. He noted they had about \$1.6 million allocated for just savings and they were going to put that money into the 2019 account and save it up for a bigger project. With the landslide that occurred in September that needed to become a project. Looking at the projects they picked the projects that they figured they could put off a little bit and try to assimilate them back into the program. These 2 projects are just a couple that they will have to continue patching. Knowing that they have moved projects back they are going to have to reassess and reprioritize as best they can. The extra cash is necessary to make the ZZ project a legitimate project it is the only way to fix some of the failures that are going on along the river. This will be a project that will be started after June 15th. What is seen here in the agenda is what they see. First thing from an earthwork point of view they will attack is the regional pond. He emphasized the fact that they needed to get the XX project done before they start the GV project. He said they have reallocated a bunch of money to competing projects in the county which he believed to be fine. This year they ran \$639,000 over budget which chewed into a little over half of their reserve funds and specifically speaking about \$300,000 of that was from Winter Storm Evelyn and \$80,000 was from 1 pipe failure. One of the things they need to be careful of, in his opinion, is that it is a necessity to have enough revenue generating work in the summer that their forces can do internally in order to stay above the budget. Part of the challenge is you cannot staff a year round operation simply for the big events. He noted that labor is the biggest expense out of anything. When they do a job 40% of that budget goes for labor 40% goes for equipment and 20% goes for materials and they make a thin slice on the equipment aspect of things. He talked about state projects that the county is partaking in as well, specifically he talks about the rebuilding of County Highway EA this year and highlighted that they received 80/20 federal funding where Bellevue and the County are both paying 10% each respectively. Fontecchio said he held out the asphalt paving to gain a little bit of revenue. They try to balance their 6 year plan as they have a spreadsheet that they look at to determine what type of work they will be having such as state bridges or highways and that type of work has to be balanced with the amount of work they have internally. The ZZ project from taking it from a funding allocation only to an actual project should help chip away should help a lot in terms of generating more revenue. There have been some minor changes to the Town Agreements, which he noted; they cannot keep up with the mowing so they either had to buy more mowers, hire more staff or drop the towns. Therefore, there will be no more grass mowing or pavement marking in these towns because of this so the County can focus on State and County facilities respectively.

Supervisor Dantine informed him that the towns are not really happy right now because the County is throwing them to the side after all these years just because the State has more highways. He referenced Fontecchio speaking of a problem they have with making sure they have work for the summer and now grass mowing is being just thrown away even though it's completely revenue generating.

Fontecchio said from a strictly financial point of view, the County does not make money on the towns. He guaranteed Dantine that the towns were being subsidized. If the towns weren't involved he highlighted he could lower his expenses. He gave an example which indicated that the County is losing money on them strictly from a labor standpoint. He stressed the main area of struggle for the County is the mowing and they even struggled in the past year with hiring LTES. He summarized that they are going to take the equipment and the manpower from the towns and reallocate them and put them on the State and County hereby generating more revenue especially from the State system.

Dantinne believed that more people could be hired if it's strictly a labor restrictive issue in the winter.

Fontecchio said they've talked about hiring people temporarily in the winter and come in just on call. It's a difficult thing to have someone just come in on call in the winter and have the qualifications to jump in a plow and go. He said he could look into that again as Chair Ericksen suggested that as well for snow emergencies specifically.

He spoke a bit about the Twelve-Hour Days topic and noted that with regard to the staffing report that they're only struggling to fill the Civil Engineer position and subsequently they are spending a lot of money in consultants to fill in for this.

Deslauriers stated that he received a lot of calls regarding the Fox River Papermaking Corridor and wanted to know the cause of the severe underestimation of that project and what has been done internally in Public Works to ensure them that this will not happen again.

Fontecchio said that when they first looked at this that they were operating under a set of data that they had, with the best information that was given to them, and they hadn't started any of the design yet so they did their best estimate with what they knew at the time. He noted that it was not possible to anticipate everything as it was one of the most challenging underground projects he has ever seen. He ensured that this would never happen again because he would never again give an estimate preliminarily without all the data as this project taught him his lesson. The next time he is asked for an estimate he is going to take the time that he needs to get the proper estimate done. This was a very complex and unique project as the highway department usually isn't involved in projects like this one which mitigates a lot of the opportunity to have these types of issues again.

Deslauriers asked for the root cause of the underestimate.

Fontecchio replied time.

Deslauriers then clarified the question, what was the mistake, not locating facilities or something else?

Fontecchio said that there were a set of assumptions made based on what they were told. He referenced the amount of fill that was used to construct Costco which got brought up 3 or 4 feet. Not having any information and being near the Fox River made it a tough call. There was also an assumption made that Green Bay Packaging was going to be offering some assistance and they were also told that they could be utilizing an easement for Georgia Pacific. So, there were a lot of things that were assumed at the time that got proven untrue as it was a dynamic project that changed. They thought that by building it up they could eventually use a ditch to take the storm water north and get over a lot of the conflicting utilities and then go to the pond and this turned out not to work for a number of reasons. Even as late as a week prior to this meeting, Green Bay Packaging found a discrepancy on their side that made the whole project be lowered 6 more feet. In summary, this was a very challenging, unique project and a lot of the assumptions early on did not pan out and now it's very expensive. He said that if he could go back in time he would say "give me 6 months and \$100,000 and I will engineer it for you and get you an estimate." When this project was beginning there were no designs even from the Green Bay Packaging side of things making this a very conceptual estimate. Everybody did the best they could.

Ericksen emphasized that he felt it be safe to say that there were too many people involved in this and that there was far too much pushing to attempt to meet the timeline and demanding that the price be put together so that it could go to full vote.

Tran wondered why it wasn't just made known that this wouldn't be enough time.

Fontecchio said in the future if somebody wants an estimate and he doesn't have all the data, then it just isn't going to happen.

Tran asked if it was found that there was more contamination in the GBP site, who exactly would be paying for this.

Chair Ericksen did not believe this had any relation or relevance to what they were speaking to here.

Fontecchio said he doesn't have enough answers to speak on it at the moment anyways. He said the big unknown right now is regarding contractors and when things are put up to bid it is all driven by the market and when contractors are busy they are just busy and price goes up.

Tran asked if it was partially the fault of GBP as they didn't do what they said they were going to do.

Fontecchio replied that he didn't believe they knew either, the whole situation was just unfortunate and he left it at that.

Motion by Supervisor Delauriers, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Planning and Land Services
Planning Commission

25. Brown County STEM Innovation Center Construction Update.

Director Lamine stated that things are going well in many regards especially with the construction side of things. The steel is going up and the metal 2x4s are going in. It is indeed starting to look like a building rapidly. The weather though is causing problems on the other hand. Before the holidays he estimated 18 days lost to weather and contractors estimated that 15 days would be lost to weather for the duration of the project. So, even before all the cold weather they were already technically behind. At the time of this meeting Lamine noted they would lose another 5 days in that week itself from the extreme cold. This was a cause for concern as he noted they have a hard deadline of August 15th. One item that he wanted to bring attention to was a field order request which Lamine provided a document regarding, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He summarized the situation a bit noting that in the main atrium area there was a 36 inch single walled duct that was going to stick out like a sore thumb. This wasn't the look they were going to want as the primary architectural feature of the space and it was not insulated so they asked for a revised plan to do a double walled insulated duct that could be painted to match and the cost of this was around \$12,000. The timeline is tight for the installation of this and the decision must be made rather quickly and that the approvals can be made for it. The bottom-line for the project is that they are in good shape financially, good shape on the budget and so the project as a whole is going well. The biggest concern is the schedule.

Ericksen said that potentially PD&T meetings may be held out there. Lamine highlighted that they are in the process of designing a very nice meeting room which would make this a possibility.

Kaster asked why Sommerville originally designed this building and why they did so with that duct in there in the first place.

Lamine said over the course of a project things come up and this was unfortunately one of those things. Everyone came to an agreement that this wasn't the look that they wanted. Part of the thought was that it would be high enough up that it wouldn't even be noticeable.

Motion by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

26. All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

This is a project that they do for the Emergency Management office and it's a requirement by the feds in order to be eligible for the Disaster Relief Fund in case a natural disaster were to occur and therefore have a plan in place. This update is to note that it has been kicked off. They were hoping to start last year but nonetheless it was started in January and they hope to have it in place by the end of the year when it is approved by the County Board.

Motion by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Delauriers to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

27. Federal BUILD Grant Award for the State Highway 29/County Highway VV Interchange Project

Lamine led off by saying this was a big deal. He wanted to give Cole Runge a huge congratulations. He said that the Village of Hobart had applied twice and did not receive the grant. This was a 19.75 million dollar grant to place an interchange on State Highway 29 and County Highway VV. There were 850 applications that went in nationwide and this was the only grant awarded in the State of Wisconsin. They thought it may be the largest competitive grant in Brown County history. Everything that was in the plan that was drafted about 18 years ago in reference to Highway 29 has really been done and this is the final piece of that infrastructure.

Motion by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Delauriers to receive and place on file. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Land Information

28. Approval of the Brown County Land Information Plan 2019 – 2021.

GIS Coordinator Jeff DuMez highlighted that this was a State required plan and a template that he had to use based on what every County has to submit. It is a 3 year plan and there are a number of good projects in it and it's not as tax levy funded as it is all through the State Land Information program and grants. The document is attached to the agenda for it and he did admit that it was a lengthy document but he summarized it as best as he could in the first 2-3 pages of the document, which will note the projects they have laid out for this timeframe. He talked about a Land Information Counsel that they have and this counsel approved this plan about a week and a half ago and it's something they have been working on for several months.

Motion by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Tran to approve. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Zoning – No items.

Property Listing – No items.

Other

29. Acknowledging the bills.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Tran to acknowledge the bills. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

30. Such other matters as authorized by law. None.

31. Adjourn.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to adjourn at 9:54 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Cayden S. Lasecki
Administrative Assistant

Extension Brown County Report for January 2019

UW-Extension Transitions to UW Madison

UW-Extension began a transition to UW-Madison on July 1, 2018. Returning this institution to the UW - Madison campus presents tremendous opportunities to strengthen existing partnerships and develop new collaborations to address important issues facing Wisconsin communities. Recently UW-Madison launched a marketing campaign focusing on these two institutions coming together. Billboards like the one below can be found throughout Wisconsin. One of these billboards can be seen when headed north bound on I-41 near Mid Valley Golf Course.



Another change related to this transition is our name. The former name "University of Wisconsin-Extension, Cooperative Extension" is being retired and will be replaced with "University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension". County extension offices will also experience a name change. Brown County UW-Extension will now be called Extension Brown County. Our logo has also changed with our new logo below.



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Local Land Use, Planning & Zoning Teleconference Series Off to Good Start

Extension Brown County and City of De Pere Planning are partnering to host the five part series "Local Land Use, Planning and Zoning Teleconferences." Eighteen individuals from nine units of government in Brown County attended the first session on January 9, 2019 on the topic "Keeping Up with Changes in Wisconsin's Planning and Zoning Enabling Laws." Remaining topics include:

February – Complying with the New Housing Report Requirements

March - Regional Planning for Change in a Big Way: Foxconn

April – Planning for the Autonomous and Connected Future- From Horseless to Driverless Carriage

May – Annual Case Law Update

Sponsors of this series include Extension Local Government Center, UW-Madison Department of Planning & Landscape Architecture, League of Wisconsin Municipalities, Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin Towns Association, Extension County Offices, and Wisconsin Chapter, American Planning Association.

Greenhouse Growers Seminar 2019

On Thursday, January 17, 2019, 79 people participated in the Greenhouse Growers Seminar sponsored by Extension Brown County, Natural Beauty Growers, Ball Seed, Walters Gardens and Griffin.

Dr. Raymond Cloyd, Kansas State University Extension Entomology Specialist gave two presentations with the first focusing on mite pests in greenhouse production systems and the second on understanding the fundamental of biological control. Mary Beth Eckhart from Walters Gardens in Michigan spoke on trendy perennials for the consumer market. Dr. Brian Hudelson, Extension Pathology Specialist shared information on common diseases in greenhouses and management and Kevin Roethle, Ball FloraPlant presented on bedding plants for pollinators.

After School STEM Programming

Extension Brown County is partnering with Green Bay Area Public School District to deliver STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programming to students participating in their afterschool program. Afterschool programming is being offered at 13 elementary schools during the 2018-19 school year. These schools serve low income diverse students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Programming was delivered at four elementary schools from September through December 2018 reaching 227 unduplicated youth. Each grade receives 10 sessions of STEM programming, with the duplicated number of youth reaching nearly 2,270.



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2018 Community Garden Highlights

Impacts of the 2018 Community Garden Program are below.

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Plots were gardened by over 200 diverse households, with 70 percent of whom identified as being low or moderate income.

Gardeners raised approximately \$325,000 of produce per the USDA formula.

Helped to recruit and oversee 145 volunteers, who built and cared for gardens as well as mentoring new gardeners.

Promoted donating fresh produce to local food pantries to improve users' health through its Planting for a Purpose Program, a partnership with the Green Bay Packers Give Back Program. Pantries and donors reported 15,109 pounds of fresh produce donated, up from 13,814 in 2017.

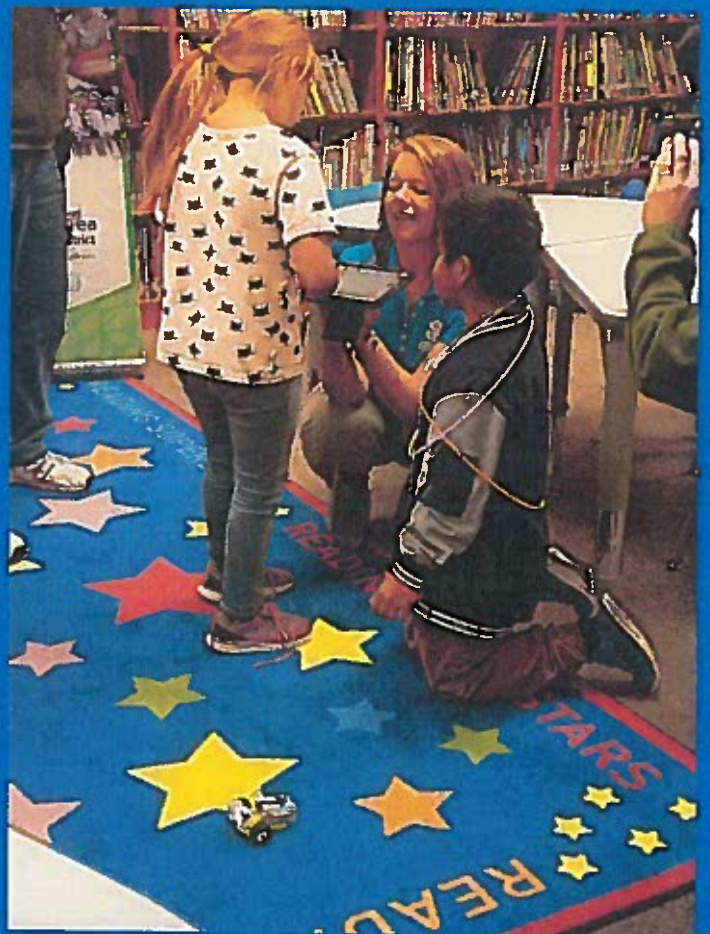
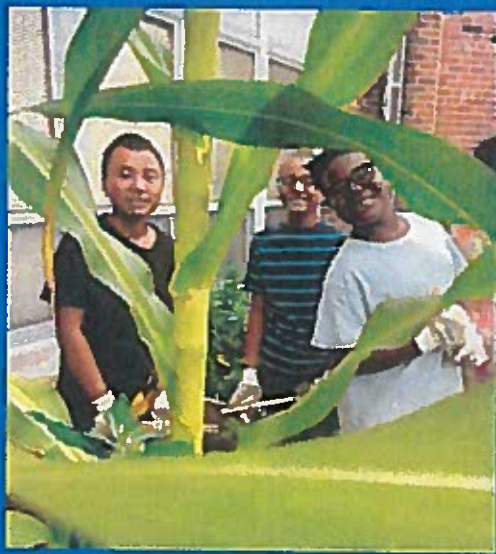
Partnered with New Leaf Foods and local volunteers to sell, build, and install 71 garden boxes through the Green Bay Garden Blitz.




Brown County Extension

2018

Highlights





This annual report includes a sampling of programs conducted by Brown County Extension in 2018. Faculty and staff engaged in a number of programming opportunities during the year in the areas of:

- Agriculture,
- Natural resources,
- Health and well-being,
- Human development and relationships, and
- Positive youth development.

2018 was an exciting year for many reasons. The groundbreaking was held on September 17, 2018 for the STEM Innovation Center located on the University of Wisconsin Green Bay campus. This project is a partnership between Brown County, University of Wisconsin Green Bay, and The Einstein Project. Extension Brown County faculty and staff look forward to moving into this new facility.



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Becoming the Employer/Manager of Choice

This seven-module series focused on building soft skills for owners and managers of farms and agribusinesses, focusing on key skills such as leadership, conflict management, hiring the right people, new employee on-boarding, and developing a motivated workforce, in a small group setting. Liz Binversie, Agriculture Educator taught facilitated discussion on these key topics, with the help of colleagues from the Extension Human Resources Management team who developed the learning modules. Evaluations completed by eight participants, all showed an increase in knowledge as a result of participating in the series. The average pre-session knowledge was 2.0 out of 5.0 and increased to 3.4 as a result of the session. Overall, the series was given an evaluation score of 3.8 out of 5.0 for helpfulness.

Agricultural Video Resources on YouTube

In 2018, Liz Binversie Brown County Extension Agriculture Educator submitted material to a YouTube channel which had over 9,500 Views and over 16,500 minutes in watch time (or over 275 hours). The top five most popular videos was Heat Stress & Facilities: Part 2 Signs and Symptoms of Heat Stress in Dairy Cattle, Heat Stress & Facilities: Part 4 Summer Cooling Strategies for Dairy Cattle, and Corn Silage: Part 1 Predicting Harvest and Moisture Level, Agronomist career video, and Winter Calf Housing Podcast Part 2 Positive Pressure Ventilation Systems. Liz Binversie, Agriculture Educator continues to promote the YouTube channel within the county as an online resource for farms, agribusiness professionals, agency staff, extension colleagues. Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9FrdXF8zYQtYenpehArfww>

Natural Resources Education

Whitney Prestby, Natural Resource Educator has been involved in a number of educational efforts in 2018 in partnership with the Brown County Land and Water Conservation Department.

Clear Water Farm Certification: Fox Demo Farms has been exploring opportunities to collaborate with the Wisconsin River Alliance on their Clear Water Farm certification project. The certification includes the Alliance for Watershed Stewardship (AWS) standard, as well as soil health requirements. We have established a Lower Fox "advisory team," consisting of Brown and Outagamie Land & Water Conservation staff, NEW Water, Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, and Extension.

Beneficial Insects and Pollinator Project: Fox Demo Farms has partnered with UW-Green Bay and US Fish & Wildlife Service to design a project to monitor the impact that diverse cover crops have on beneficial insects and pollinator populations. Three farms dedicated 20 acre fields as test plots. Pitfall traps and slug boards were used to monitor for ground dwelling invertebrates and sticky traps to monitor flying insects and pollinators.



Community Gardens

Teen Market Garden Program

The Teen Market garden program is a partnership between Extension, Brown County Human Services Independent Living Program, CASA, and Advocates for Healthy Transitional Living. Teens raised produce which was sold at the Military Avenue Farmers Market twice during the summer. Teens selected "Guardians of the Garden" as their name.

In addition to gardening, teens participated in weekly life skill sessions. The Broadway Farmers Market contacted Extension as they are interested in a conversation about teens selling at their market.

The Current Young Professionals Network selected the Teen Market Garden as a finalist for a micro-grant through Green Bay S.O.U.P. (Support of Urban Projects), for its proposal to continue and grow its teen farmers' market program. While the Teen Market Garden did not win, the project received \$600 in donations.

Community Gardens Program

In 2018, the Community Gardens Program:

- Offered 343 rental garden plots at 10 locations, including both new and expanded sites.
 - Plots were gardened by over 200 diverse families, 70% of whom self-identify as being of low or moderate income and many of whom are immigrants. Gardeners raised approximately \$325,000 of produce, per the USDA formula.
 - Responding 2018 gardeners said that, because they participated in the community gardens program, they:



Community Gardens Continued

- Provided 440 hours of free youth gardening education, including a teen farmers' market program through which teens gained horticulture, nutrition, job, financial management, and marketing skills by producing food for and running their own farmers' market stall.
- Helped to recruit and oversee 145 volunteers, who built and cared for gardens, as well as mentored new gardeners
- Promoted donating fresh produce to local food pantries to improve users' health through its Planting for a Purpose Program, a partnership with the Green Bay Packers. Pantries and donors reported 15,109 pounds of fresh produce donated, up from 13,814 in 2017.
- Partnered with New Leaf Foods and local volunteers to sell, build, and install 71 garden boxes through the Green Bay Garden Blitz.



Horticulture Highlights

Greenhouse Growers Training

A day long training workshop for greenhouse growers and their employees where they learn about greenhouse production, management, and safety practices in their work environment to enhance their professional skills. Brown County has eight major greenhouse growers that provide plant materials for many retail centers and local residents. In a 2014 need assessment, growers stated their need for timely educational information and training opportunities through Extension.

In January 2018, Extension Educator Vijai Pandian organized and hosted a one day "Greenhouse Grower's Seminar" program in partnership with local greenhouse business stakeholders. Forty five people participated in the training program. Various educational topics related to variety, water quality issues, standard cultural practices and other updates were presented by the speakers from Extension and private industry representatives.

A written post evaluation survey was collected at the end of the program. In the post evaluation survey (n=37), 87% of the participants rated the overall quality of the training program "good" or "excellent." The survey indicated an average of more 54% increase in knowledge to "Quite a bit" after attending the training program. Also, 62% felt that the information presented in the program was "likely" applicable in their work life and 24% rated it as "a great deal".

2018 Professional Landscape Workshop

In partnership with Door and Winnebago County Extension offices along with the Fox Valley chapter Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association (WLCA), Brown County Extension organized and hosted a two day workshop on March 22- 23, 2018 to train landscapers and lawn service providers on various sustainable landscape management and safety practices.

Speakers from Extension and private industry representatives presented topics on landscape, lawn care and hardscape. More than ten commercial vendors participated in the program and had display booths during the two day event. 84 people participated on March 22nd and more than 130 people attended the March 23rd event.

A written evaluation was distributed to the March 23rd participants and was collected at the end of the event. In the post evaluation survey (n= 52), 60% of the participants rated the overall quality of the workshop "Excellent" and 31% rated the quality of the workshop "Good". The survey indicated an average of 42%, 34% and 10% increase in knowledge to "Quite a bit" or "lot" after attending the landscape track, lawn care and hardscape track topics respectively. Comments from the evaluation includes "Great job, Great Speakers", "This was a great refresher of lectures I had previously heard and to learn new techniques".



Figure 1 NEW Professional Landscape Workshop on March 23rd event, Jeff Eben WLCA Fox Valley Board Member Intro to the Session



Horticulture Highlights Continued

Vegetable Variety Trials

Vegetable variety trial on 15 different tomato varieties, five varieties of peppers, two varieties of melons, cantaloupe, and kohlrabi was conducted at the 1150 Bellevue Street location to assess the yield and fruiting quality. Trial plants were donated by the local greenhouse growers and was maintained by a team of new Master Gardeners.

Yields and the characteristics of the plants were recorded in late summer and early fall. An open house event was conducted by the NEW Master Gardeners in late September. Trial report was compiled by the educator and presented to the growers at the 2019 Greenhouse Grower's Seminar.



NEW Master Gardener Community Projects

The NEW Master Gardeners worked on 12 community projects this year at the following sites:

- Pollinator Plant Outdoor Educational Garden & Outreach – Neville Public Museum
- Native Plant Outdoor Educational Garden & Outreach – De Pere Wildlife Pier, De Pere
- Children Edible Garden & Outreach – Brown County Central Library, Green Bay
- Small Space Garden & Outreach – Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay
- YMCA Square Foot Garden & Outreach – YMCA West, Cardinal Avenue, Green Bay
- St. Mark's Church Food Security Garden – St. Mark Church, De Pere
- ADRC's Raised Bed Educational Garden & Food Security – Green Bay
- Vegetable Trial Garden – Green Bay
- Green Bay Head Start Garden School Project – Green Bay
- Unity Hospice's Meditation Garden Project – Ledgeview
- Tank's Garden & Outreach at Heritage Hill State Park – Green Bay
- Educational Seminars – Garden Series, Garden Lectures
- Plant Health and Diagnostic Services
- Community Outreach Booths – Breakfast on Farm, Farmer's Market, Garden School Networking Event at GBBG

4-H Highlights

rown County 4-H Youth Development has been running 4-H Afterschool program since 2013, focusing on STEM skills and 21st Century learning skills. In 2017-18, the 4-H Afterschool Program focused on STEM and Robotics, following a successful pilot of robotics programming. The year of programming including 6 sessions of Lego WeDo Robotics programming. In addition, a second series of afterschool programming was provided on STEM (sessions in science, technology, engineering and math).

A total of 483 urban students participated in the afterschool program, representing great diversity and reaching the underserved and low income populations. The sessions developed youth ability in coding and computers, robotics, science and engineering thinking, and life skills of communication, critical thinking, teamwork and collaboration. Each session included hands-on activities about the topics of gears, pulleys, ratios, levers, and cams. Participants completed reflections about the science and engineering lessons learned each session.

Feedback from the School Site Director was highly positive. Eleven of thirteen schools (85%) of schools completed evaluations, and indicated 100% engagement of youth in the program, 90% of schools said the participants talked about the programming after the instructor left, and 90% successful positive impact on youth. In addition 55% of schools indicated they saw a change in participants behavior AFTER the program concluded, indicating more engagement and creativity from the youth in the program in other areas. One comment from a site said "The youth learned how to follow directions and problem solve."

Based on the success of the 2017-18 4-H Afterschool Program, the 4-H Afterschool Program has been moved to a "core" program of all sites, and in 2018-19, the 4-H Afterschool Robotics program will be offered to all students, grades K-5, in all thirteen schools. This increase in programming during the 2018-19 school year will allow more students to be engaged in afterschool programming.



FoodWise Highlights

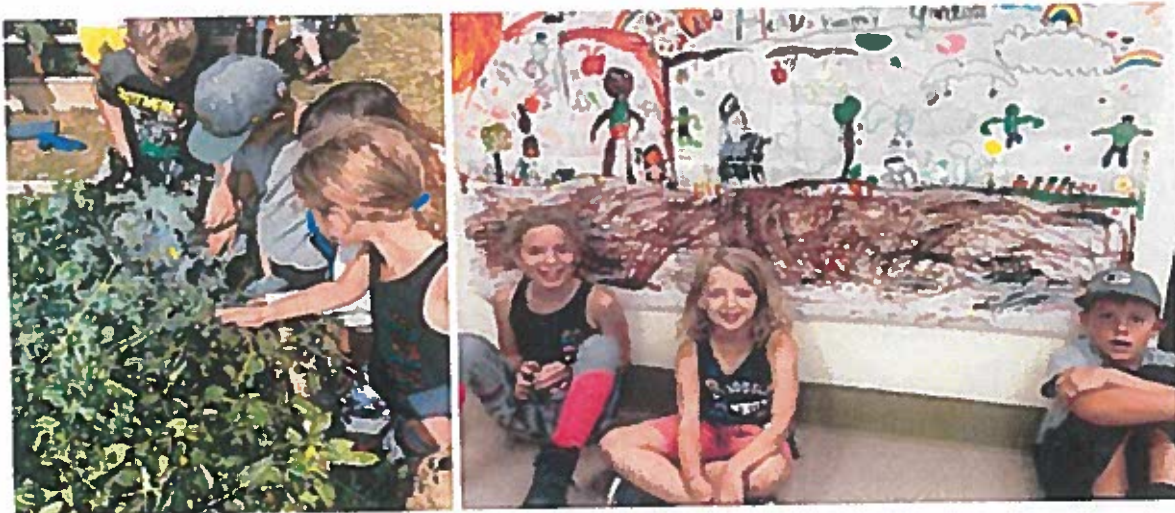
FoodWise Youth Summer Gardening Program

FoodWise partnered with Green Bay Area Public School's community based summer school program for a six week garden based nutrition program. Thirty second and third grade students participated. Nutrition Educators used the evidence based garden curriculum *The Growing Healthy Kid*. This curriculum is based on research that children's willingness to taste vegetables and knowledge of nutrition is positively affected by garden-based educational activities.

Throughout the six lesson series, students became food adventurers by tasting new fruits and vegetables, and by learning how growing a healthy garden relates to growing a healthy body. They watered, weeded, cared for the garden and observed how plants grew every week.

As vegetables ripened, students sampled kale, mixed greens, kohlrabi, nasturtiums, beans, broccoli, celery, radishes, cucumbers, basil, peppers, tomatoes, and patty pan squash. Many of the tastings were the first time youth tasted a particular vegetable. The tastings were positively received. After one taste of fresh greens, they lined up for a whole leaf and came back for more, going through two heads of romaine!

In addition to caring for the garden, students took to their imaginations and created their own garden murals named "My Super Garden", and "Hulk's Healthy Garden" as they drew plants, people, and water, soil, the sun, and air that all plants need to grow.



FoodWise Continued

FoodWise Partners with Teen Age Parent Program

FoodWise teamed up with the Green Bay Area Public School Teen Age Parent Program (TAPP) to provide a six part nutrition series at each of the six teen parent programs in the school district. The program empowers teens with knowledge to make informed food and lifestyle choices and skills to prepare nutritious foods at home, which can lead to positive eating patterns and better health for themselves and their young children.

Using the Teen Cuisine curriculum, 49 students participated in the program, 43 of which were teen parents. After each lesson, students completed a survey indicating intent to make a behavior change. Results showed that 42% of students would eat fruit every day in the coming week, 94% were willing use nutrition facts label to choose foods on their next shopping trip and 100% think that they are helping their body by eating more vegetables.

Classroom teachers also observed positive improvement in student's behavior towards healthy eating with 67% reported students were eating fruits or vegetables in school and 50% of teachers saw decreases in the amount of sugar sweetened beverages consumed by students. "They "call each other out" on food/drink choices they make while in class. The CDC reports that teenagers and young adults consume more sugary drinks than any other age group. Teachers also reported nutrition has become a topic of daily conversation regularly, and observed students reading, and talking about food labels more".

FoodWise Works with Food Pantries for 25 Years

Karen Early, FoodWise Coordinator convened a meeting to establish a food pantry network in Brown County 25 years ago and has maintained a working relationship with the Food and Hunger Network throughout this time. This organization of 26 Brown County food pantries agreed to support promotion of a "Healthy Donations" message through the Safe and Healthy Food Pantry Project.

This year, FoodWise responded to requests to provide monthly nutrition education to pantry shoppers at ten food pantries. Staff are delivering cooking classes at two pantries and 20-minute lessons at another six sites.

Six pantries have also partnered with FoodWise to participate in a pantry assessment and an additional five pantries have requested an assessment for 2019. The assessment examines the food package and how well it meets MyPlate guidelines. Results have shown that all pantries fall far short of providing adequate vegetables and fruits with an over emphasis on grains and carbohydrates. Addressing the findings has resulted in several initiatives to increase distribution of fresh produce. The emphasis on healthier food packages encourages ongoing conversations on what to do with larger amounts of donated bakery, how to refuse these types of foods, and if a donation is accepted, what size portion should be provided to households. These discussions are paving the way to establish a "Food Policy" for the network. It is hoped that individual pantries may utilize this policy as well.

Poverty Simulations

Poverty is often thought of as its own “issue”. The Poverty Simulation is designed to help participants understand what it might be like to live in a low-income household trying to survive from month to month and how poverty impacts everyday decision making. Participants assume a family role and frequently respond both emotionally and physically to the circumstances they find themselves in during the experience. Objectives include:

- Understand what it is like to live in a low-income household trying to survive from month to month.
- Understand the stresses and frustrations experienced by households having limited resources.
- Identify through reflection the influence of personal biases and values when working with low-income households.
- Identify strategies to better meet the needs of low-income households.
- Increase understanding of challenges faced by households in poverty. Adapt institutional procedures to support and empower those impacted by poverty.

During the first three quarters of 2018, over 700 individuals participated in simulations offered by Extension. Just over 700 end of session surveys were distributed. 587 surveys were returned. Measured areas reflect at least a one point shift in knowledge. The largest shift in knowledge is in the understanding of the emotional stresses and frustrations caused by having limited resources. Prior to the simulation, approximately 60% of participants indicated they had no understanding or little understanding of the emotional stresses and frustrations caused by having limited resources. After the simulation 93% of participants reported having quite a bit or almost complete understanding of this topic.

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CHUCK LAMINE, AICP

PLANNING DIRECTOR

TO: County Executive & County Board Chair
FROM: Chuck Lamine, Planning Director
DATE: January 25, 2018
PROJECT: Brown County STEM Innovation Center

Per Policy FM-1:

- ☐ Change Order under \$10,000 and 25% of Original Contact Amount
(Requires *County Executive Approval*)
- ☐ Change Order over \$10,000 or 25% of Original Contact Amount
(Requires *County Board Approval* with anticipated meeting date of _____)
- ☐ Field Order under \$10,000 and 25% of Original Contact Amount
(Requires *Designated Project Manager Approval*)
- ☒ Field Order over \$10,000 or 25% of Original Contact Amount
(Requires *County Executive and County Board Chair Approval* and reporting to PD&T Committee anticipated on January 28, 2019)

A change order refers to making any of the following changes in a contract for a construction project after the execution of the contract; (a) in the work, (b) in the contract time of completion, (c) in the contract sum, or (d) in any combination of the above.

A field order refers to a change order approved on an emergency basis when circumstances require an immediate change to the contract to avoid further cost increases which would occur in the absence of immediate approval.

Description of Change Driving Additional Costs or Time:

The original design for the STEM Innovation Center building included a large 36 inch single walled duct with external foil-wrapped duct insulation at a very visible location at the ceiling of the large atrium section of the building. After discussions with Somerville Architects a request was made to Miron Construction to provide cost estimates for a double-walled insulated spiral duct pipe that could be painted to blend in with the ceiling.

Several options were considered and reviewed by Planning and Public Works – Facilities staff and we are recommending Miron Construction, install the double-walled spiral duct pipe at an additional cost of \$12,785.72. With approval of this Field Order and all Field Orders to date the project is still well within budget and adequate contingency funds remain in place.

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This change request is a result of:

- ☒ Increase in project scope
- ☐ Change in contract time of completion
- ☐ Unknown/unforeseeable existing conditions
- ☐ Design error or omission
- ☐ Change in code/regulatory requirements
- ☒ Owner requested change
- ☐ Other

This change request will result in additional:

- ☒ Increase in project cost of

\$12,785.72


- ☐ Increase in project time/schedule of

N/A

Funding Source:

The additional funding will come from the project contingency funds which still has an adequate balance available.

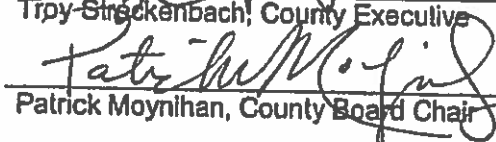
Authorized By:


Chuck Lamine, Planning Director
(Designated Project Manager)

1/20/19
Date


Troy Streckenbach, County Executive

1/25/19
Date


Patrick Moynihan, County Board Chair

01/25/19
Date

Note: Full County Board approval is required for a change order over \$10,000 or 25% of the original contract amount.